

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on December 13, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-9.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 5/11/05
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 4, line 10, "aid" has been changed to --and--.

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, see pages 3-4, filed December 13, 2005, with respect to Claims 1, 4 and 7 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 1-9 has been withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-9 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1, 4 and 7 are allowable over the prior art of record since the cited references taken individually or in combination fails to particularly disclose a switching system and web server disposed in combination for data transmission there between, the switching system accommodating a plurality of extensions, the web

server storing first screen data for specifying at least one menu having post information and second screen data; and a plurality of communication terminals each including a packet interface connected to the web server via an internet packet communication network and a line interface connection the switching system via a circuit switched communications network, each of the communication terminals including a display unit, a web browser for accessing the web server to receive the first and second screen data to be displayed on the display unit, and an input section for specifying the menu on the display unit, the web browser transmitting to the web server information of the menu specified by the input section, the web server including data transfer section for transferring to the switching system information of the menu specified by the input section, the switching system including a connection monitor for monitoring connection of the extensions to select one of the extensions based on the information of the menu specified and transmit to the web server a telephone number of the selected one of the extensions to be included in the second screen data, the browser urging a client to originate a call onto the telephone number in the second screen data.

It is noted that the closest prior art, Civanlar (US 5995606) discloses a server containing a database containing information pertaining to the client, a plurality of communication terminals each including a packet interface connected to the web server via the internet packet communication network and a line interface element connected to the switching system via a circuit switched communication network. Civanlar also

discloses the web server including a data transfer section for transferring the menu specified information to the switching system. However, Civanlar fails to disclose or render obvious the above underlined limitations as claimed.

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

(a) Armistead (US 6781983) discloses packet switched telephony with circuit switched backup.

(b) Maoulis et al. (US 6584094) discloses a technique for providing telephonic communications over the Internet.

5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher P. Grey whose telephone number is (571)272-3160. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chau Nguyen can be reached on (571)272-3126. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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